1	2	3	4	5
20.	Co-operative Banks	2825.38	585.54	578.90
21.	Regional Rural Banks	3674.93	1398.88	440.75
22.	Others	2290.30	806.01	251.15
	TOTAL:	17181.08	7727.35	4782.28

Status of DDP in Gujarat

1146. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Desert Development Programme (DDP) in Gujarat; and

(b) the details of achievements made under the said programme in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) and (b) The Desert Development Programme (DDP) is being implemented in 52 blocks of 6 districts namely Banaskantha, Kuchchh, Jamnagar, Patan, Rajkot and Surendernagar of Gujarat State. The Programme is being implemented through watershed approach in accordance with the Guidelines for Watershed Development w.e.f. 1.4.1995. The size of a watershed development project under the Programme is 500 hectares (approximately) which is implemented over a period of 5 years. 1399 watershed development projects, to treat 6,99,500 hectares of area at a total cost of about Rs. 375 crores, have been sanctioned from 1995-96 to date in the six DDP districts of the State. Out of these 345 projects have already been completed and the remaining projects are at various stages of implementation.

Following major activities have been undertaken in the watershed development projects under the Programme:—

(i) Construction of 3530 check dams, 1428 farm ponds, 863 percolation tanks and 1590 nala bunding;

(ii) Recharging of 1859 wells and 128 bore wells;

(iii) Afforestation in 633 hectares of area;

(iv) Pasture development of 287 hectares of gauchar land;

(v) Plantation of 67768 forestery trees and 281621 horticulture plants; and

(vi) Farm bunding of 844961 meter and contour bunding of 424581 running meter.

Loans for completing road construction projects

1147. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to seek loans from the World Bank or other international financial institutions with a view to completing the road construction projects in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the quantum of loans decided to be sought?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) A requirement of Rs. 60,000 crore has been estimated for achieving the objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). The available source of funds is the 50% share of the Cess on High Speed Diesel (HSD) amounting to approximately Rs. 2500 crore per annum, which revenue stream is clearly inadequate to finance a Programme of this magnitude in a definite time-frame (2000—2007). For achieving this objective, it would be imperative to generate additional financial resources, which could involve borrowings from, *inter alia*, the External Funding Agencies, such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. The Ministry have approached the Department of Economic Affairs to take further action in respect of raising of additional resources for PMGSY by External Funding Agencies, including the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. The Department of Economic Affairs have sought the response of the World Bank and other